



# POLL

**May 31-June 4, 2013**  
**Total N= 1,022**

*All trends are from New York Times/CBS News polls unless otherwise noted.  
Asterisk indicates registered respondents only.*

26. How closely have you been following news about the IRS selecting some conservative political groups for additional scrutiny regarding their tax exempt status -- very closely, somewhat closely, not very closely, or not at all closely?

	Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not at all closely	DK/NA
5/31-6/4/13	21	39	19	19	2

27. Do you think the IRS selected some conservative groups for additional scrutiny mostly for political reasons or mostly because they felt it was the right policy under the tax code? (ANSWERS WERE ROTATED)

	Political reasons	Right policy	DK/NA
5/31-6/4/13	68	19	14

28. Do you think the IRS did anything wrong when it selected some conservative political groups for additional scrutiny, or not? IF YES, ASK: Do you think the IRS's activities were unethical, but not illegal, or do you think they were illegal?

	No, nothing wrong	Yes, unethical	Yes, illegal	DK/NA
5/31-6/4/13	26	29	31	15

29. Do you think officials at the IRS acted on their own in selecting some conservative political groups for additional scrutiny or do you think members of the Obama Administration were involved?

	IRS acted on own	Obama administration involved	DK/NA
5/31-6/4/13	40	44	16

These last few questions are for background only. Do you or does any other member of your household own a handgun, rifle, shot-gun, or any other kind of firearm? IF YES, ASK: Is that person you or someone else?

	Yes, self	Yes, other	Yes, self and other	No	DK/NA
4/22/99 CBS	31	13		55	1
8/1-3/99 CBS	30	16		52	2
8/15/99 CBS	32	16		48	4
5/10-13/00	30	17		52	2
7/13-16/00	32	20		47	2
8/4-6/00 CBS	27	14		56	3
10/27-31/02	30	15		53	2
4/5-12/10	21	13	7	56	3
1/9-10/11 CBS	20	11	9	58	2
1/15-19/11	18	17	10	54	1
1/11-15/13	21	17	9	49	3
4/24-28/13	18	17	8	52	5
<b>5/31-6/4/13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>6</b>

	Yes	No	DK/NA
1/8-12/78	51	47	2
4/22-26/81	50	49	2
3/15/89 CBS	52	47	1
5/7-8/91	49	50	2
1/22-25/92	49	50	2
3/28-31/93	49	51	1
12/5-7/93 CBS	49	50	1
1/15-17/94	53	46	1
4/25/95 CBS	45	53	2
4/22/99 CBS	44	55	1
8/1-3/99 CBS	46	52	2
8/15/99 CBS	48	48	4
5/10-13/00	47	52	2
7/13-16/00	52	47	2
8/4-6/00 CBS	41	56	3
10/27-31/02	45	53	2
11/10-13/03 CBS	43	54	3
4/25-29/08	41	58	2
4/5-12/10	41	56	3
1/9-10/11 CBS	40	58	2
1/15-19/11	45	54	1
1/11-15/13	47	49	3
4/24-28/13	43	52	5
<b>5/31-6/4/13</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>6</b>

Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you registered to vote in the precinct or election district where you now live, or aren't you?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
5/31-6/4/13	80	19	1

Do you have any children? IF YES, ASK: Are any of your children 18 or under?

	Yes, 18 or under	Yes, over 18	No	DK/NA
5/31-6/4/13	31	39	30	1

Are you now married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Separated	Never married	DK/NA
5/31-6/4/13	52	6	11	2	28	1

Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or not?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
4/5-12/10	18	62	19
5/20-24/10 CBS	20	59	21
7/9-12/10 CBS	27	56	17
8/20-24/10 CBS	29	54	17
9/10-14/10	19	63	19
10/21-26/10	24	63	14
11/7-10/10 CBS	31	58	11
11/29-12/2/10 CBS	22	68	10
2/11-14/11 CBS	20	63	17
3/18-21/11 CBS	23	64	13
4/15-20/11	24	66	10
6/24-28/11	26	64	10
8/2-3/11	18	73	10
9/10-15/11	20	65	15
10/19-24/11	24	66	10
1/12-17/12*	23	70	7
2/8-13/12	20	68	11
3/7-11/12	22	66	12
4/13-17/12	26	65	10
7/11-16/12	26	65	10
9/8-12/12	22	68	9
10/25-28/12	23	68	9
11/16-19/12 CBS	20	68	13
12/12-16/12 CBS	21	69	10
3/20-24/13 CBS	22	65	13
5/31-6/4/13	24	63	13

Some people think of themselves as evangelical or born again Christians. Do you ever think of yourself in either of these ways?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
5/31-6/4/13	34	64	2

What is your religious preference today?

	Protestant	Catholic	Jewish	Muslim	Other	None	DK/NA
5/31-6/4/13	53	20	1	1	6	15	3

Generally speaking, do you usually consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	DK/NA		Rep	Dem	Ind	DK/NA
7/13-16/02	28	34	33	5	12/4-8/09	27	36	29	8
9/2-5/02	29	35	26	10	2/5-10/10	28	30	37	5
10/3-5/02	27	38	28	7	4/5-12/10	28	31	33	7
10/27-31/02	31	34	28	7	4/28-5/2/10	25	34	31	10
11/20-24/02	29	32	31	8	6/16-20/10	24	34	33	9
1/19-22/03	29	32	33	6	9/10-14/10	25	35	33	7
2/10-12/03	28	34	31	6	10/21-26/10	28	37	31	4
3/7-9/03	29	32	30	9	1/15-19/11	27	34	32	6
4/11-13/03	31	30	32	6	4/15-20/11	25	33	34	7
7/13-27/03	27	32	34	7	6/24-28/11	26	33	34	6
9/28-10/1/03	31	35	30	4	8/2-3/11	24	32	39	4
12/10-13/03	27	33	35	6	9/10-15/11	26	33	32	8
12/14-15/03	28	31	35	6	10/19-24/11	25	35	34	5
1/12-15/04	28	32	33	8	1/12-17/12	25	35	36	4
3/10-14/04	31	30	32	7	2/8-14/12	27	34	32	7
4/23-27/04	29	35	29	7	3/7-11/12	26	30	35	9
6/23-27/04	29	35	29	7	4/13-17/12	26	34	33	6
7/11-15/04	29	37	30	4	7/11-16/12	25	32	37	6
9/12-16/04	33	31	29	7	9/8-12/12	22	35	36	7
10/1-3/04	29	34	28	10	10/25-28/12	27	36	30	7
10/14-17/04	30	34	29	7	1/11-15/13	26	34	34	6
10/28-30/04	30	35	30	6	4/24-28/13	25	31	36	8
11/18-21/04	29	36	30	5	5/31-6/4/13	26	31	35	8
1/14-18/05	31	34	28	8					
2/24-28/05	29	36	29	6					
6/10-15/05	28	34	31	6					
9/9-13/05	26	36	28	9					
12/2-6/05	28	32	33	7					
1/20-25/06	29	34	33	4					
5/4-8/06	25	37	34	4					
7/21-25/06	31	33	30	5					
8/17-21/06	30	35	27	8					
9/15-19/06	30	32	32	5					
10/5-8/06	30	35	30	6					
10/27-31/06	28	35	31	7					
2/24-27/07	25	35	33	6					
3/7-11/07	27	35	33	6					
4/20-24/07	24	34	36	6					
5/18-23/07	29	37	32	3					
7/9-17/07	28	34	34	4					
7/20-22/07	24	32	36	9					
9/4-8/07	31	32	33	5					
12/5-9/07	26	35	31	8					
1/9-12/08	28	40	27	5					
2/20-24/08	27	38	29	6					
2/28-4/2/08	26	41	27	6					
4/25-29/08	27	37	31	5					
5/1-3/08	29	39	27	5					
7/7-14/08	26	37	31	6					
8/15-20/08	29	37	26	8					
9/12-16/08	28	39	26	7					
9/21-24/08	28	34	32	6					
10/10-13/08	28	36	29	7					
10/19-22/08	26	41	28	5					
10/25-29/08	30	37	27	5					
1/11-15/09	21	39	31	8					
2/18-22/09	26	36	32	5					
4/1-5/09	23	39	30	7					
4/22-26/09	20	38	36	6					
6/12-16/09	24	38	31	8					
7/24-28/09	20	34	39	7					
9/19-23/09	22	37	33	7					

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How would you describe your views on most political matters? Generally, do you think of yourself as liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	Lib	Mod	Con	DK/NA		Lib	Mod	Con	DK/NA
7/13-16/02	21	44	32	4	4/28-5/2/10	21	34	38	6
9/2-5/02	20	39	36		6/16-20/10	18	42	35	5
10/3-5/02	18	45	34	3	9/10-14/10	19	40	36	5
10/27-31/0	20	38	37	5	10/21-26/1	19	37	38	5
11/20-24/0	20	44	30	6	1/15-19/11	20	41	35	4
1/19-22/03	19	45	32	3	4/15-20/11	26	32	36	6
2/10-12/03	21	41	35	3	6/24-28/11	22	37	34	7
3/7-9/03	18	45	35	3	8/2-3/11	22	43	32	2
4/11-13/03	19	45	33	3	10/19-24/1	22	38	35	4
7/13-27/03	22	40	34	5	1/12-17/12	22	38	34	6
9/28-10/1/0	19	42	34	5	2/8-14/12	22	41	32	4
12/10-13/0	20	45	31	4	3/7-11/12	20	39	35	7
12/14-15/0	19	39	37	5	4/13-17/12	23	36	38	4
1/12-15/04	20	43	31	5	7/11-16/12	20	35	38	7
3/10-14/04	21	40	34	5	9/8-12/12	23	33	37	7
4/23-27/04	22	42	30	6	10/25-28/12	21	39	34	6
6/23-27/04	21	42	32	5	1/11-15/13	21	39	34	5
7/11-15/04	22	41	34	3	4/24-28/13	22	31	41	6
9/12-16/04	20	40	36	4	<b>5/31-6/4/13</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>5</b>
10/1-3/04	24	36	35	6					
10/14-17/0	19	42	33	6					
10/28-30/0	17	42	35	5					
11/18-21/0	22	41	33	4					
1/14-18/05	20	41	33	6					
2/24-28/05	23	38	35	5					
6/10-15/05	20	43	33	4					
9/9-13/05	18	43	34	5					
12/2-6/05	18	45	32	5					
1/20-25/06	21	45	30	4					
5/4-8/06	25	37	34	4					
7/21-25/06	21	39	36	4					
8/17-21/06	24	38	33	5					
9/15-19/06	17	43	35	4					
10/5-8/06	23	39	34	3					
10/27-31/0	20	45	30	5					
2/24-27/07	20	42	33	6					
3/7-11/07	20	40	36	4					
4/20-24/07	21	42	33	5					
5/18-23/07	20	43	32	5					
7/9-17/07	19	44	33	4					
7/20-22/07	15	48	31	5					
9/4-8/07	22	42	32	4					
12/5-9/07	22	43	31	4					
1/9-12/08	25	39	32	4					
2/20-24/08	23	41	29	6					
3/28-4/2/0	21	39	34	5					
4/25-29/08	22	41	33	4					
5/1-3/08	15	49	32	4					
7/7-14/08	22	41	32	5					
8/15-20/08	24	36	35	5					
9/12-16/08	24	39	33	4					
9/21-24/08	22	38	36	4					
10/10-13/0	18	49	29	4					
10/19-22/0	21	39	33	7					
10/25-29/0	22	38	33	7					
1/11-15/09	21	43	30	6					
2/18-22/09	20	38	36	6					
4/1-5/09	23	39	31	7					
4/22-26/09	22	42	29	7					
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How old are you?

	18-29	30-44	45-64	Over 64	Refused
5/31-6/4/13	22	26	34	17	1

What was the last grade in school you completed?

	Not a H.S. grad	H.S. grad	Some college	College grad	Post Grad	Refused
5/31-6/4/13	9	34	28	18	10	1

Are you of Hispanic origin or descent, or not?

	Hispanic	Not Hispanic	DK/NA
5/31-6/4/13	14	85	1

Are you white, black, Asian or some other race?

	White	Black	Asian	Other	Refused
5/31-6/4/13	73	12	3	11	2

Was your total family income in 2012 UNDER or OVER \$50,000? IF UNDER, ASK: Was it under \$15,000, between \$15,000 and \$30,000, or between \$30,000 and \$50,000? IF OVER, ASK: Was it between \$50,000 and \$75,000 or between \$75,000 and \$100,000 or was it over \$100,000?

	Under \$15,000	\$15,000- \$29,999	\$30,000- \$49,999	\$50,000- \$74,999	\$75,000- \$100,000	Over \$100,000	Refused
5/31-6/4/13	11	19	18	17	14	14	7

	Male	Female
5/31-6/4/13	49	51